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Vorontsev, until recently Soviet ambassador in Paris, writes next that the Reykjavik encounter should "open the road" to Gorbachev's later visit to Washington to bring about concrete "results which are expected by millions of people throughout the world."

In assessing that Europe has been searching increasingly hard for solutions to the general security problems, Vorontsev said the "path towards greater security in Europe" leads via the dismantling of medium-range missiles, reductions in conventional arms and armed forces in Europe, elimination of chemical weapons, and transformation of the Mediterranean into a zone of peace.

GORBACHEV ADDRESSES NEWS CONFERENCE ON OUTCOME

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News conference addressed by CPSU General Secretary Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev on 12 October -- live]

[Text] [Gorbachev] Good evening ladies, gentlemen, and comrades. I welcome all of those taking part in the news conference. I think that about an hour has gone by since our conference, our meeting with U.S. President Reagan ended. It lasted somewhat longer than we planned. Our business required that to be the case and in this connection I would like to apologize to you for not arriving in time for the news conference fixed for 1800.

You know that this meeting between the leaders of the United States and the Soviet Union took place on the initiative of the leadership of the USSR, but naturally it could not have taken place without agreement to such a meeting on the part of Mr. Reagan. Therefore I would say that it was our joint decision to hold this meeting.

The meeting has now ended. It is sometimes said that things cannot be seen when one gets too close. I have just come from the meeting which, especially in the last stage saw heated discussions and I am still under the influence of these discussions and of the impressions left by these discussions. Nonetheless I shall try at this first meeting to try to sort out what happened and not just share my impressions.

But yet I think these will be first impressions, first appraisals, a first analysis. The whole meeting will still have to be appraised. A major meeting has taken place, and you will sense this when I tell you about the content of the problems which were the subject of a very broad, very intensive, very interested discussion.

The atmosphere at the meeting was friendly. We had an opportunity to set out our views on different problems freely and, I would say, without constraint and this made it possible for us to deepen our understanding of many major problems of world politics, bilateral relations, and primarily on the burning problems which are at the center of attention of the whole of the world public -- questions of war and peace, of ending the nuclear arms race, the whole set of questions which are embraced by this subject.

When I go over to a direct description of the meeting itself, the content of the discussions, the proposals of the sides and the results of this meeting, I want to say, explain to you, since I have not yet had the opportunity, why we in fact came out with the initiative on holding this meeting.